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# **Hoopeston Foods CEO lauds** employees for company success

The success of Hoopeston's newest industry is directly attributable to its employees, according to the company's CEO.

Hoopeston Foods Inc., was awarded Tuesday by the Danville Area Economic Development Corporation as Industry of the Year in the medium size category (50-100 employees).

"It is the employees of Hoopeston Foods that earned this award," said CEO John Steele, citing workers' dedication to the company and its long-term goals. "I'm very proud of my co-workers," he said.

Steele said employee dedication has allowed the company to grow from one shift when the company formed in 1995, to double shifts today.

Currently, the company has 24-hour labeling and 20hour production schedules, Steele said.

Hoopeston Foods was nominated by employees and See SUCCESS on other side

# Former Hoopeston man killed in vehicle/tractor accident

CLIFTON—A former Hoopeston resident died Monday, the result of a vehicle-tractor accident in rural Iroquois County.

Troy L. Denham, 31, of Clifton, was pronounced dead at Riverside Medical Center, Kankakee, according to reports from Illinois State Police at Ashkum.

Denham, in a 1978 Chevrolet, was eastbound on Iroquois County road 2900 North at 1200 East at approximately 7:25 p.m. when he hit an International tractor and grain wagon driven by Steve Peters, 25, of Clifton, according to police reports.

Denham was thrown from the vehicle, which came to rest in a ditch, police said.

Peters was taken to St. Mary's Hospital, Kankakee.

Police reports said the tractor/wagon was properly marked with emblems.

# **Briefly**

# **Neighborhood Watch**

The Hoopeston Neighborhood Watch will meet at 7 p. m. Monday at the municipal building. This month's topic will be scams.

Police chief Carl Valentine will discuss the issue, answer questions and show a video, "Too Good to be True - How to Avoid Rip-Offs."

The public is encouraged to attend.

### **Marching Cornjerker contest**

The Hoopeston Area High School Marching Band willperform Oct. 4, at Eastern Illinois University. They will perform at 9:45 a.m.

On Oct. 11, the band will be at the University of

Illinois for a 9:15 a.m. parade, followed by the Marching Cornjerkers' performance at 10:48 a.m.

#### Flu shots

The Vermilion County Health Department will be at the Hoopeston Multi Agency, 206 S. First Ave., from 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 15 to administer flu shots.

For more information, call (217) 283-5544.

### **Rules of the Road**

A Rules of the Road review course will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8 at the Hoopeston municipal building. The course is free and open to the public.

For more information, call (217) 283-5833.

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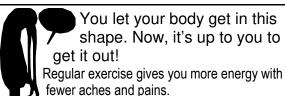


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# **Success** continued from other side

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Judging was done on growth, community involvement, teamwork/problem solving, quality improvement and employee relations.

Hoopeston Foods was created July 24, 1995, after Pillsbury closed its Hoopeston facility.

Steele and a group of investors bought the facility and kept approximately 50 employees to begin operations.

Just 21 months later, Hoopeston Foods announced a long-term agreement with Curtice Burns Foods to produce Brook's brand bean products. The agreement required purchasing and installing new equipment, as well as hiring more workers.

Today, the company has more than 70 employees.

Hoopeston Foods also earned points for recognizing unions which existed at the Pillsbury plant.

This year, the company negotiated new labor contracts with the Grain Millers and Teamsters unions.

Other industry awards were given to Marble Machine of Danville in the small employment category and Bumper Works, also of Danville, in the large employer category.



# **Police News**

# Police foil burglary at business

Police foiled a burglary attempt at a local business. An officer patrolling at 12:15 a.m. Wednesday saw a

man standing in the alley to the south of East Main. When the officer stopped to investigate, the man ran.

The officer found the rear door of Polson Insurance. 307 E. Main, had been tampered with and a door knob broken. However, no one had entered the building.

Andrea Shaffer, 843 E. Seminary, reported Tuesday that someone punctured the right rear tire of her vehicle while it was parked at her home.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the 200 block of East Main.

# **Court Dispositions**



Sept. 18: Ronda Houmes, Rankin, paid \$30 balance in full.

Jeremy Creamer, Hoopeston, illegal consumption, pleaded guilty; \$90 total.

Ora Baer, Hoopeston, nuisance weeds; nolle pros. Jose Barron, Hoopeston, paid \$200 due in full.

# **Obituaries**

**DENHAM** - Troy L. Denham, 31, of L'Erable, formerly of Hoopeston, died Monday, Sept. 29, 1997, the result of an accident in Iroquois County. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Papineau. Burial will be in Papineau Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the Clancy, Gernon, Houk Funeral Home, 214 W. Sheffield, St. Anne. Memorials are suggested to a fund for his children.

GARRISON - Stanley K. Garrison, 79, of Hoopeston, died at 1:34 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, 1997, at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimers Association or the American Heart Association.

TUBBS-BARRETO- Steven Alexaner Tubbs-Barreto,

infant son of Elisabeth Harris of Hoopeston and Edgar Barreto of Rio Grande City, Tex., died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, 1997, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Floral Hill Cemetery. Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

# In the hospital



**Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital** Sept. 30, 1997

Admitted: Clifford Luke, Hoopeston.

**Discharged:** none.

# Weather



Partly cloudy today. High 72. Tonight, cloudy. Low 53. Tomorrow, sunny, chance of afternoon showers. High near 80, low near 56.

# Police said Mary Lynn Newlin, 115 S. Dixon, Rankin, backed from parking space and scratched a parked 1994 Dodge Intrepid owned by Stanley R.

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Citizens color printer \$50; Toro mower \$40; 36" Larson storm door and wooden door, \$75 for both or \$50 each. Call (217) 283-7406.

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